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1. In early May 1953, [REDACTED] the Dienststelle des Stellvertreters fuer Bauwesen und Unterbringung (Construction Department of the Ministry of the Interior) that a sum of eight million eastmarks was to be spent on the Spinnne Project in 1953. Vouchers [REDACTED] indicated that execution of the project in 1953 involved work on a line between Cottbus and Frankfurt/Oder, and in the Dresden and Luebeck areas. 1 April to April, 400,000 eastmarks had been spent. Steel parts and towers required for the project were manufactured by the VEB Stahlbau (engineering firm) in Riesmar. 2

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2. At a conference held at the Construction Department of the Ministry of the Interior on 6 July, State Secretary Willi Mayer reproached Coloneus Horst Praessler [REDACTED] for having made many mistakes in the execution of the Spinnne project. However, Praessler pointed out that he had not been given the official designs for the project and that no translation of the Soviet plan had been made available to his office. It came to light that the only German engineer familiar with the Soviet orders was engineer Weilrauch (fnu). Captain Fischer (fnu) of the Ministry of the Interior was in charge of construction work connected with the Spinnne Project.

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment. This statement agrees with information obtained from a line diagram of the planned decimeter wave net. [REDACTED] According to referenced report, the Dresden-Hellerup-Balla line of the net was to have been completed by 1 April 1953. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the Dresden-Frankfurt/Oder line is to be completed in 1953 and work on the northern line to be started near Rostock.

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25X1 [REDACTED] Comment. It is believed that the VEB Stahlbau in Riesmar will supply the material for the northern line of the net, while the antenna towers required for the southern line probably will be furnished by the VEB Stahlbau in Cottbus or the VEB Abus.

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[REDACTED] Captain [REDACTED] Schenckler was previously known as being the chief of the Dienststelle des Militärvorstellers für Bauwesen und Materialbauung (military construction department). Engineer Wehrrauch may be identical with Obersturmführer Wehrrauch, who is in charge of radio engineering developments at the Büro für Wirtschaftsirlagen (Bureau der Zwischen Aufgaben). Captain Fischer is reported for the first time.

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